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November 1, 1982

The Honorable Harry Hughes
State House
Annapolis, MD 21404

Dear Governor Hughes:

Per the May 25, 1982 Executive Order creating the Governor's Citizens' Commission on Crime Prevention, enclosed you will find our Interim Status Report for November 1, 1982.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Devin J. Doolan, Esq.
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Enclosure



GOVERNOR'S CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION

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Submitted November 1, 1982

The Commission has met on four occasions. Below is a brief synopsis of each meeting.

June 16, 1982 - Annapolis

The first meeting was devoted to an introduction of members, a discussion of organizational and logistical details, a brief presentation on the state of the art in crime prevention in Maryland, and a discussion of Commission goals. Each member was asked to submit a list of Commission priorities for discussion at the next meeting.

July 28, 1982 - Annapolis

At the second meeting, the Commission discussed the list of priorities which had been submitted by individual Commission members. The interests seemed to be in four major areas:

- 1) Education of youth on the topic of crime and crime prevention
- 2) Legislation
- 3) Assistance to victims of crime
- 4) Public education and media in the area of crime and crime prevention

The Commission members also received a presentation on the Law-Related Education Program for students attending Maryland's schools.

September 8, 1982 - Greenbelt

The purpose of this meeting was to update Commission members on the various crime prevention programs currently available to communities throughout the State. A two-hour "mini" crime prevention training seminar was conducted by local and State law enforcement officers featuring information on home security, personal security, Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification, and youth crime prevention. Instruction was provided by members of the Maryland Crime Prevention Association, the Maryland Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and the Maryland Crime Watch Program.

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October 12, 1982 - Annapolis

The main agenda item for this meeting was a report from Carl Eastwick of your legislative staff. Mr. Eastwick reviewed the important role which the Governor's Citizens' Commission on Crime Prevention can play in assisting the Legislature by providing a forum for the exchange of citizens' ideas about crime. He also mentioned two possible areas of pursuit in the 1983 General Assembly -- a victim restitution bill and a bill to provide tax credits for installation of crime prevention devices.

Also at this meeting, four priority committees were formed to address the Commission's major areas of concern. They are: liaison with the private sector, liaison with the public sector, media and public education, and crime prevention legislation.

The proposed membership is as follows:

Private Sector

Mr. Matt Fenton, III, Chair
Mr. Walter A. Frey, III
Mr. Lewis Greenberg
Mr. Paul Longley
Mr. John H. Murphy, III
Mr. William B. Rictor

Public Sector

Mr. Robert L. Brooks, Chair
Ms. Elnora Jones Branham
Mr. Alan Brauer, Sr.
Mr. Daniel C. Nowicki

Legislation

Ms. Dorothy Fait, Chair
Ms. Roberta E. Dillow
Mr. Richard P. Gregory
Mr. Robert Harper
Mr. Alan N. Kanter

Media and Public Education

Mr. Daniel H. Burkhardt, Chair
Mr. Alan N. Kanter
Ms. Peggy Kerr
Mr. Nelson Polun

In the coming year, the full Commission will continue to meet on a monthly basis, with each of the four subcommittees meeting one to two times per month.

It is anticipated that through the efforts of these four subcommittees, the Commission will be able to take steps toward fulfilling the charges made to them through the Commission's Executive Order.